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TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, MRS. CYRUS) SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF MRS. VANCE

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- 1. SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 6. MRS. VANCE MAY WISH TO ATTEND CHURCH SERVICE. VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES INCLUDE SAINT GEORGE'S (ANGLICAN) AT 11:00, CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (PRESBYTERIAN) AT 10:00, CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER (LUTHERAN) 9:00, CHURCH OF ALL NATIONS (CATHOLIC) AT GETHSEMANE 11:30 SERVICE IN ENGLISH. IN ADDITION, VISIT COULD BE ARRANGED TO CHAPEL OF DOMINUS FLEVIT (THE LORD WEPT) ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES, OR THE UPPER ROOM (CENACLE) ON MT. ZION (TRADITIONAL SITE OF THE LAST SUPPER).
- -- ALTERNATIVELY, ARCHAEOLOGICAL WALK IN THE OLD CITY COULD BE ARRANGED TO THE OPHEL (CITY OF DAVID) OR OTHER INTERESTING ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES NOT PREVIOUSLY VISITED.
- 2. MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 7. VISIT TO MASKIT'S WORKSHOPS. (NOTE: RUTH DAYAN IS ON LEAVE FROM MASKIT AND IS NOW IN WASHINGTON.)
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3. WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 9. PROCEED FROM SFM VIA IDF AIR-CRAFT TO SAINT CATHERIN'S MONASTERY FOR TOUR AND OVER-NIGHT. CONGEN SHOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ARCHBISHOP OF SINAI DAMIANOS THROUGH GREEK CONSUL GENERAL. BASED ON PREVIOUS TRIPS ARRANGED BY LATTER, PRIVATE ROOMS FOR MRS. VANCE, MRS. LEWIS AND ONE OR TWO OTHERS COULD BE

ARRANGED. GIVEN PROBLEMS OF COMMUNICATING WITH MONASTERY, NEED DECISION ON THIS PARTICULAR ITEM ASAP.

- 4. THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 10. DEPART SAINT CATHERINE'S VIA IDF AIRCRAFT AND LAND AT HAZERIM, CLOSE TO TEL JEMMA IN NEGEV NEAR BEER SHEVA. THIS IS EXCAVATION BEING CARRIED OUT BY DR. VAN BEEK OF SMITHSONIAN WITH AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS. AFTERTOUR OF SITE AND EXPLANATIONS, RETURN TO JERUSALEM VIA IDF HELICOPTER.
- 5. FRIDAY, AUGUST 11 MORNING. VISIT HADASSAH HOSIPITAL AND SYNAGOGUE CONTAINING CHAGALL WINDOWS. (THOUGH NOT ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, VISIT TO SYNAGOGUE WITH CHAGALL WINDOWS IS USUALLY COUPLED WITH A TOUR OF THE HOSPITAL. WE COULD TRY TO HOLD THIS TO NO MORE THAN AN HOUR AND A HALF.)

FOLLOWED BY RETURN VISIT TO ISRAEL MUSEUM TO SEE ITEMS NOT ON PUBLIC DISPLAY WITH LUNCH AT MUSEUM AT INVITATION OF MUSEUM DIRECTOR.

- 6. SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 MORNING. VISIT ROKEFELLER MUSEUM WHICH CONTAINS FINE ARCHAEOLOGICAL COLLECTION FROM EARLIEST PERIODS THROUGH CRUSADER TIMES UP TO ISLAMIC CONQUEST.
- 7. FOLLOWING ARE ALTERNATIVES AND/OR ADDITIONS: CONFIDENTIAL.

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- (A) UNRWA VOCATIONAL, EDUCATION AND TEACHERS TRAINING CENTER IN RAMALLAH.
- (B) A WALK THROUGH MEA SHE'ARIM, PICTURESQUE ORTHODOX QUARTER OF JERUSALEM.
- (C) ISLAMIC MUSEUM. (A SMALL BUT QUALITY COLLECTION OF ISLAMIC RT LOCATED IN WEST JERUSALEM.)
- (D) HERDION. PALACE BUILT BY HEROD THE GREAT NEAR BETHLEHEM WHICH IS CONTEMPORARY WITH MASADA. (THIS IS ON THE WEST BANK.)
- (E) CAESAREA WOULD BE ANOTHER POSSIBILITY BUT THIS WOULD, IN EFFECT, BE AN ALL DAY TRIP. OUR IMPRESSION IS EXCAVATIONS BY AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGISTS ARE OVER FOR THE SEASON, BUT WE WILL CHECK FURTHER. IN ANY CASE, EXPERIENCED ARCHAEOLOGIST COULD CONDUCT TOUR.
- 8. SCHEDULE WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR TENNIS IF DESIRED. WE CAN ARRANGE SUITABLE PARTNERS IF NECESSARY. NEWLIN

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